AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations comprising:

~~a~~ network means for communicating data electronically;

~~a~~ product data management ~~module~~ means for creating specifications coupled to said network means, said product data management means located at one of the multiple source locations;

~~a~~ knowledge management ~~module~~ means for processing data coupled to said network means, said knowledge management ~~module~~ means including ~~a~~ central repository database means for storing data, said central repository database means located at one of the multiple source locations;

~~a~~ requisition application ~~system~~ means for processing data coupled to said network means, said requisition application means located at one of the multiple source locations;

a job specification that is created in said product management ~~module~~ means;

vendor information that is created in said central repository database means of said knowledge management ~~module~~ means; and

engineering records that are created in said central repository database means of said knowledge management ~~module~~ means.

2. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said network means is a global network.

3. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 2, wherein said network means is a local network.

4. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 2, wherein said network means is a local network comprising a local area network or a token-ring network or an Ethernet network.

5. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said knowledge management module means includes an engineering records center located at one of the multiple source locations.

6. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 5, wherein said knowledge management module means includes a vendor authorization center located at one of the multiple source locations.

7. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said requisition application system means includes an online requisition system located at one of the multiple source locations.

8. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, including a website coupled to said network means and wherein said job specification is posted on said website.

9. (Currently Amended) The system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, including a website coupled to said network and wherein said vendor information is posted on said website.

10. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, including a website coupled to said network and wherein said job specification and said vendor information are posted on said website.

11. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said central repository database means includes an application programming interface API which controls access to said engineering records.

12. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said requisition application system means includes online ordering information.

13. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said central repository database means includes a central repository database management program.

14. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 1, wherein said central repository database means includes a central repository database management program that is a collaborative environment software program.

15. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 14, wherein said central repository database management program is Livelink®.

16. (Currently Amended) A procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations comprising:

network means for communicating data electronically;

product data management means for creating specifications coupled to said network means, said product data management means located at one of the multiple source locations;

knowledge management means for processing data coupled to said network means, said knowledge management means including central repository database means for storing data, said central repository database

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means located at one of the multiple source locations, said central repository database means including an engineering records center and a vendor authorization center;

requisition application means for processing data coupled to said network means, said requisition application means located at one of the multiple source locations;

a job specification that is created in said product management means;

vendor information that is created in said central repository database means of said knowledge management means; and

engineering records that are created in said central repository database means of said knowledge management means; and

a website coupled to said network means, wherein said job specification and said vendor information are posted on said website.

17. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 16, wherein said network means is a global network.

18. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 16, wherein said network means is a local network comprising a local area network or a token-ring network or an Ethernet network.

19. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 16, further comprising: a website coupled to said network means and wherein said job specification and said vendor information are posted on said website.

20. (Currently Amended) The procurement system that integrates information from multiple source locations of claim 16, wherein said central

repository database <u>means</u> includes application programming interface API

protocols which controls access to said engineering records.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The procurement system <u>that integrates</u>

<u>information from multiple source locations</u> of claim 16, wherein said requisition

application means includes an online requisition system.

24. (Currently Amended) The procurement system <u>that integrates</u>

<u>information from multiple source locations</u> of claim 16, wherein said central

repository database <u>means</u> includes a central repository database management

program that is a collaborative environment software program.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Cancelled)